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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

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I had intended to wait until after Emile and Jane returned to France before writing to thank you and Mrs. Lederberg for all you have done for them during their stay in this country. But another matter causes me to write to you now, so let me begin this letter by expressing my appreciation to you both and by assuring you that Jane and Emile are likewise very grateful to you.

As to the other matter, I write with some hesitation; but Jane thinks you will not object to my making the inquiry. It concerns the Quadri-Science and Eon companies. One of my brothers who, like me, has retired, has asked me about these companies. Knowing that I am acquainted with numerous scientists and their work, and that Emile has been working with you, he thought I might have information from scientific sources as to the quality and prospects of these companies. He is particularly interested in the Eon Corporation, apparently with a view toward possibly making a moderate investment in its stock.

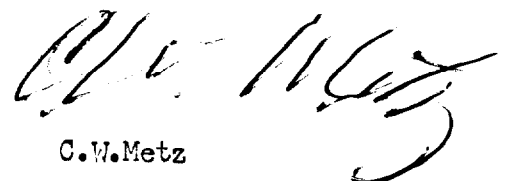
I wrote him that there is no question about the scientific eminence of the men listed in the leaflet he sent me (Urey, Van Allen, yourself etc.) but that I know nothing about the companies or about how much the scientists have to do with their affairs, aside from the fact that they are listed as consultants.

If you care to comment on this subject, and feel free to discuss the companies' activities, future outlook or other aspects, I would be very glad to get your views and I know my brother would greatly appreciate them. Or perhaps you could refer me to suitable sources of information.

In any case, please do not go to a lot of trouble or try to write at length -- unless, of course, your interest in the remarkable enterprises leads you to do so. To me they seem exciting, in the leaflet.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Lederberg and yourself,

Sincerely,


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